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Let's discuss when we have a moment.

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Hi, Walker and Marianne – I got some language from Felicia on tribal, which I'm working through with folks over here. After that, I thought air quality risk could be the other big item – what do you think of this description?

*Air Quality Risk (30%)*

- a. Work with OITA, OAR, and OGC to help EPA deepen engagement with the World Health Organization on legal and policy frameworks for addressing health risks from air pollution.*
- b. Explore expanding this engagement to health risks from water pollution as well.*
- c. Explore drafting a permitting manual which would be a resource for countries seeking to develop or strengthen pollutant permitting and attainment planning programs. [Note: China is identifying permitting as an emerging issue in cooperation with EPA and other countries have requested assistance on this topic.]*

A couple of notes on this :

- I'd like to stay involved in this work as well, from the environmental governance side, and I think Lori would bring a lot of CAA & air program knowledge to the table -- I agree with you that engaging her on this would help us up our game.
- b. is a nod to Wheeler's priority on int'l collaboration on water pollution, which Matt was talking up in China
- c. is an idea I had based on the requests we've gotten from a number of countries for help on permitting and attainment planning; OGC, OW, and OAR have done a number of workshops on permitting with China's officials but haven't gathered it into an integrated 'how-to' type piece – which I think could be helpful for a number of countries).
- I'm not trying to include a lot of detail here, but just to give management of both offices something to focus on so they can reach agreement; my thinking is that if we get the broad brush strokes right, the details can largely be worked out within OITA.

Thanks for your input so far. Please let me know if the wording here raises any sensitivities or if you have additional ideas that we should capture here.

Best,

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